

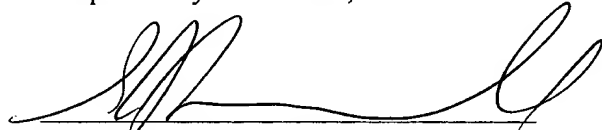
**Remarks**

**Status of Claims**

Without prejudice, applicants are canceling claims 19-25 to facilitate prosecution.  
The remaining claims 9, 11, 13-15 and 18 have previously been allowed.

In light of the above amendment, an early allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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